

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, December 22.—The Visitation convent of Georgetown was damaged by fire to the extent of \$10,000 this morning. At about 8:30 o'clock flames broke out in the northwestern corner of the building, near the roof, and created somewhat of a panic among the inmates. Only about twenty of the girl boarders were in their rooms and they were hurried out without any one being injured. That portion of the convent is devoted to the boarders and the fact that most of them were away on their Christmas vacation probably prevented a loss of life. The loss by water will probably exceed that done by flames.

A decision in the case of Edward Clifford, the murderer under sentence of death in Hudson county, N. J., was handed down in the U. S. Supreme Court today. The court refused to interfere. The case came to the Supreme Court on an appeal from a denial of a writ of habeas corpus by the U. S. Circuit Court for the district of New Jersey.

An Alexandria woman here today, speaking about a paragraph she had read in this correspondence during the early part of the week, narrating the experience of one of her friends in coming here to do her shopping, said she realized the trouble and inconvenience incident to leaving Alexandria and coming here to buy what she needed, and would gladly save herself both, if she could do so, but that when she could not get the things she wanted there, she had to come here for them. "Then, too," she added, "I won't have many more Christmas, and I'm not enough of an altruist to deprive myself from the few pleasures yet within my reach, to please people who wouldn't put themselves out a moment to gratify me."

A well known man in financial circles here, talking today about the large and disastrous bank failure in Boston announced this morning, said he was very much afraid that it would be followed by others, not only in Boston, but in many other cities.

A Virginia republican now here, says the two republican contestants for seats in the House from his State have been here this week and both are confident that they had seen the republican members of the committee to which their cases had been referred, and that with such committees and a republican House, the cases of the contestants were hopeless.

Mr. Bailey was offered places on other committees of the House, but refused to be a member of any other than that on rules.

Virginia has been shown more consideration in committee appointments in this Congress than in any other since that of 1861, in the Senate as well as in the House, being represented in both on all the really important ones except those on appropriations.

Notwithstanding their failure to effect any change in the determination of the national democratic party to re-endorse the Chicago platform and renounce the Chicago ticket, the gold standard so-called democrats still persist in their vain attempt, and have, it is reported, organized an opposition in all the States. The ineffectiveness of such an organization, however, except for the purpose of drawing a few votes from the democratic party, is so apparent to every intelligent man, republican as well as democrat, that all are laughing at it and holding those engaged in it up to ridicule.

Secretary Gage decided this morning to make a group of the first fifty banks that have requested deposits of United States money and let them have the full amount they request before distributing to others. About fourteen million of dollars have been apportioned to the first group. The next fifty banks that will apply from now on will be subsequently favored.

The Postoffice Department has issued a fraud order against A. B. Stevens and A. B. Stevens & Co., Chicago, for conducting an illegal scheme through the mails.

Mr. Powderly, commissioner of immigration, stopped 29 Croatian immigrants at Baltimore some days ago and said they could not come to the country. Secretary Gage has overruled him and the immigrants are now on their way to Chicago. Mr. Powderly says as might just as well close up the office as to let a lot of alien laborers sweep more with Mr. Gage than do the life and happiness of the American workmen.

The attempt of Mr. Hanna and the other McKinleyites to make it appear that the Ohio republicans were generally criticized here, even by some republicans. They say, what everybody familiar with Ohio politics knows to be true, that the platform Mr. Hanna and Mr. McKinley prepared was a straddle, though leaning to the right, and that they only accepted the gold feature at the demand of "quakers" of Massachusetts and Platt of New York.

Jacob W. Boyer was appointed postmaster at Clayborn, Gray's county, Va., today, vice C. P. Bryant, resigned.

The Funk murder case will probably be given to the jury today.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Major General Wood yesterday assumed charge as governor general of Cuba and accepted the resignations of the old cabinet.

F. W. Edridge, a lawyer, of Dallas, Tex., yesterday shot and killed Edwin O. Harrell, another lawyer, in a quarrel over a professional matter.

Representative Boutelle, of Maine, was stricken suddenly ill in the parlor of Young's Hotel, Boston, last night. His condition was much improved this morning.

Residents of Jacksonville, Fla., will probably make an effort during the next session of the legislature to secure the transfer of the capital from Tallahassee to Jacksonville.

Comptroller Daves last night appointed Special Examiner Daniel G. Wing temporary receiver of the Globe National Bank of Boston, Mass. The directors and the stockholders will lose heavily.

It is reported that Baltimore and Ohio Railroad interests yesterday purchased the Monongahela River Railway, extending from Clarkburg to Fairmont, a distance of 34 miles, for \$600,000.

Announcement is made from the Interstate Commerce Commission that the period allowed railroads for equipping their cars with automatic couplers will be extended from January 1 next until August 1.

Max John, formerly of the firm of John & Adler, of Baltimore, filed a petition in the United States Court in that city yesterday asking to be adjudicated a bankrupt. His liabilities are \$84,586.08 and his assets nothing.

The democratic members of the House of Representatives are discussing the advisability of holding a caucus to determine the position the party will

assume upon the important subjects to be considered by Congress.

Chairman Hanna, of the republican national committee, says he will tender his resignation when the committee meets in Philadelphia. He says it is not the custom for a chairman to serve more than one term, hence his resignation.

The Chicago Record says: "Sol Smith Russell will retire from the stage for a year or more at the conclusion of his interrupted engagement at the Grand Opera House. All his engagements thereafter for the entire season will be cancelled."

James Duane Taylor, sixty-three years old, for thirty-four years treasurer of the Wagner Palace Car Company, of New York, committed suicide at the Grafton Hotel, in Washington, shortly after noon yesterday by cutting his throat with a razor.

Figures prove that during the twelve years he was champion heavyweight pugilist of the world John L. Sullivan earned more than a million dollars, and yet yesterday the ex-prize fighter declared, under oath, in the New York City Court, that he is "broke."

Prof. James M. Munyon, a wealthy and widely known resident of Philadelphia, has completed plans for a \$2,000,000 college and home for dependent girls, which he will erect and present to that city and which is to be built upon an imposing site adjoining Fairmount Park.

The democratic State convention of Louisiana, in session at Baton Rouge, yesterday nominated a ticket and endorsed the Chicago platform. The election of Gov. Foster to the Senate is practically conceded. It is said that Senator W. D. McEnery would like to be re-elected, and that the sugar parishes will make a strong fight for him, but his attitude in this campaign was regarded as anti-administration, and there was talk of ex-Senator Blanchard's entering the lists against him.

Upon the application of attorneys for Thomas F. Ryan, of New York, at Raleigh, N. C., yesterday morning, a temporary restraining order was issued by United States District Judge Purnell to prevent any action on the part of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad stockholders looking toward the consolidation of the various lines of the Seaboard Air Line system. A few hours later Judge Purnell granted the parties a hearing and revoked the temporary restraining order in a written judgment.

An address from the democracy of Kentucky endorsing the contest instituted by Goebel and other candidates of the defeated democratic ticket, and giving the reasons therefor, was issued last night. It is signed by former Senator Blackburn, chairman of the State campaign committee; Chairman Young of the State central and executive committees, and all of the members of those committees. The reasons set forth in the address are the use of tissue ballots, the calling out of troops by the republican governor of the State, and the invading of voting, etc.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mrs. Lucinda Cushman died on Thursday last, at the residence of her grandchildren, Mrs. W. W. Skinner, in Fredericksburg, aged ninety-two years.

T. Spicer Curlett, ex member of the Virginia legislature, this week filed a deed of assignment in the clerk's office of Lancaster county for the benefit of his creditors.

Captain J. J. Stack, a prominent business man, died at his residence, near Staunton, yesterday. He was born in Cork, Ireland, in 1820, and came to Staunton in 1851.

Mr. Ben. P. Owen, private secretary to Governor Tyler, yesterday forwarded to Mr. John Eggleston, of New York, the dagger used by John Wilkes Booth when he was acting at the old Marshall Theatre, in Richmond.

The people of Stafford county, in mass-meeting on Wednesday, adopted a resolution requesting the legislature to abolish the present unsatisfactory road law, and enact one to be formulated by a number of prominent citizens.

Rev. Robert W. Patton, of Rapoke, who has been extended a call to the pastorate of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Richmond, held a conference with the vestry of the church last night. Mr. Patton promised to make his decision known next week. It is thought likely he will accept.

The tobacco fertilizer plant of the Lewis Johns Manufacturing Company, Lynchburg, was almost entirely destroyed by fire yesterday. Only a small building, containing some of the manufacturing products, was saved. The loss on stock is placed at between \$18,000 and \$20,000. The loss on the building, which is owned by Mrs. Pace, of this city, is estimated at \$8,000.

John Fisher, of Franklin county, was accidentally shot and killed at his home near Helms on Wednesday. He was preparing to kill hogs, and proposed using an old muzzle-loading shotgun, which had not been fired for years. He was not aware that it was loaded, and pulled the hammer back with his foot, with the intention of blowing it to it. His foot slipped off the hammer and the gun was discharged. The top of his head was blown off.

Jordan Bond, an employee of the Sherrill Tannery in Manchester, while going his rounds Wednesday night, fell into a vat ten feet deep containing boiling water. He by chance caught the edge of the vat by his arms, and only the lower half of his body was under water. His cries brought assistance, and, though only a half-minute in the vat, that part of his body submerged was terribly scalded, and his sufferings were excruciating. He is in a critical condition and suffering greatly.

Rev. R. H. Bennett, pastor of St. James Methodist Church, Richmond, preached Wednesday night on the subject of church entertainments. Mr. Bennett read the second chapter of John, and in the course of his remarks took strong ground against the church entertainment of the present day. He said that the Biblical reference to the driving of the oxen, sheep and doves and the money-changers from the temple was no more than would be done today by the Master were He to come and see the vendors of oysters, ice cream and cake in the temples dedicated to His worship.

The Christmas number of Dixie has been received from its publishers in Baltimore. Among its contents are: The Childhood of Christ, The Star of Bethlehem, Monticello, The Innocent, An Old-Fashioned Child, The Christ-child in Ancient Art, Christmas Comin', The Work of Prince Pierre and Prince Paul, The Viking's Yuletide Toast, The Scribe and the Pharisee, Richard Mansfield, King Herod's Son, The Southern Woman in Recent Art, and Comment.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

THE SENATE.

The Senate yesterday passed the House bill fixing a tonnage tax of 15 cents on fertilizer, to be devoted to the support of the Department of Agriculture, by a vote of 28 to 6. Amendments were added which required the bill to go back to the House. The House accepted the amendments. The amendments, among other things, provide that the inspectors, who are not to exceed 10, are not to receive over \$75 per month when employed. The compensation of the Agricultural Commissioner, including his commissions on the collections of the tax, is not to exceed \$2,000 per annum. The bill also provides that these inspectors are to be allotted to each of the Congressional districts. The commissioner's bond is increased from \$10,000 to \$30,000. One amendment provides that the money raised under the operation of this act shall be devoted to the inspection of fertilizers and other work relating thereto. It is stated that the bill, which now goes to the Governor for his approval, of which there is no doubt, will bring in an annual revenue of \$25,000. With this amount the Commissioner of Agriculture proposes to put his department on a better footing than ever before.

The Commissioner of Agriculture is an appointive office by the Governor. There is talk of making it elective by the legislature if the tonnage tax becomes a law. The Senate passed the bill abolishing the office of register of the land office and devolving the duties on the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The House will likely decline to concur, and defer the measure. Senator Maynard introduced a bill, providing that it shall be unlawful for any agent or solicitor to call at or enter any residence, office or premises which has a notice posted at or near the front door or gate, "Agents not wanted." The bill provides for a fine of \$5 for a violation of the act. Bills to authorize Fredericksburg to issue bonds and to authorize the Council of the same city to apportion the cost of street improvements were passed.

Senator Eggleston introduced a bill to repeal an act to define the powers and limitations of building and loan associations. The provision states that the object of the measure is to take from the associations the power to charge usurious interest.

Senate bill, introduced by Mr. Glass, to suspend for a period of forty days the operation of the land grabbers' law, came back to the Senate with a House amendment providing that nothing contained in the bill should be construed as interfering with applications pending at the time the bill is passed. The Senate concurred in the House amendment.

House bill to "authorize any person or firm engaged in the mining, manufacturing, or storage business, with the approval of the county or corporation courts, to appoint public agents, who shall be authorized to act as conservators of the peace within certain limits," was recommitted to the committee for courts of justice.

HOUSE.

Mr. Pilcher introduced a resolution in the House calling for investigation of the contract between the Davis Shoe Company, which makes shoes at the penitentiary, and the State of Virginia. It was promptly passed. The resolution was immediately sent to the Senate, where it was passed at once. The contract was recently renewed by the board and ratified by Governor Tyler on the part of the State for a term ending in 1913. The contract has been in existence about fifteen years, and the convicts earn for the State 40 cents a day.

The House passed the House bill to amend section 1,271 of the code in relation to the securities to be deposited with the treasurer by foreign and home insurance companies, and the Senate bills to enable commissioners in chancery to adjourn proceedings before them from their own county or corporation and there continue such proceedings and take depositions and other evidence, and compel attendance of witnesses, and for the relief of W. J. B. Duncan, of Alexandria.

Both houses adjourned yesterday evening until January 3.

Hon. Elliot F. Dandorf, former treasurer of New York under Governor Hill, and the present democratic chairman of that State, visited the Senate and was extended the courtesy of the floor.

The Senate in executive session confirmed the following appointments to the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Military Institute: Henry Fairfax, Loudoun; P. F. Brown, Boeot; and W. H. Edmonds, Halifax.

THE WAR IN AFRICA.

A report has been received in London to the effect that General Sir George Stewart White, who is besieged with 8,500 British troops at Lydsmith, Natal, has sent word that he has both food and ammunition and can hold out for some weeks.

General Methuen has had a disagreement with General Cronje, the opposing commander at Modder river, in the case of Lieut. Chandos Pole Gell a British officer, who was recently captured. Methuen says the lieutenant was captured when going unarmed to meet a flag of truce, but Cronje says the officer is regarded as a spy. The Boer commander declines to hold further communication with Methuen.

Colonel Plumer has returned to his headquarters at Fort Tuli, Rhodesia, after leading a reconnoitering expedition of British horsemen through the northern part of the Transvaal. He found the country without men, all the male Boers being at the front.

A revised total of General Buller's losses in the battle of Colenso on Friday of last week puts it at 1,119.

The Boers are growing more and more anxious to fight. The leading chiefs have difficulty in holding them in check. Boer successes are exciting their sympathy, but they are likely when aroused to wage war on both the British and Boers.

Ladies, clean your Kid Gloves with La Belle Glove Cleaner. For sale only by Mr. C. B. Bradley, 41 King street. Headquarters for Kid Gloves and all the latest novelties in fine millinery and fancy goods.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

J. B. Clark, Peoria, Ill., says: "Surgeons wanted to operate on me for piles, but I cured them with DeWitt's Hitz Haze Salve. It is infallible for piles and skin diseases. Beware of counterfeits."

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Foreign News.

Edinburgh, Dec. 22.—Mr. Andrew Carnegie has offered the town of Dunfermline, in Fifeshire, \$100,000 for public baths and gymnasium as a Christmas gift.

Paris, Dec. 22.—A bomb was thrown into the palace of the Bishop of Moulins last night. The explosion did much damage to property, but no one was injured.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The Libre Parole says the Bank of France has refused to loan the Bank of England \$400,000 in addition to the \$60,000,000 supplied in October.

London, Dec. 22.—Field Marshal Lord Roberts, who sails for the Cape tomorrow, went to Windsor this morning to say farewell to the Queen. Her Majesty received the General with an unusual display of tenderness, expressing verbally what she had written him concerning her sorrow at the death of his son and her gratitude for his prompt response to his country's call. She dismissed him with an earnest prayer for his success and a Godspeed.

London, Dec. 22.—The attack of pneumonia from which the Duke of Westminister has been suffering has taken a serious turn. The family has been summoned to his residence.

The Campaign in Africa.

London, Dec. 21.—It is learned at the war office that General Buller will pursue the campaign in Natal without waiting for the arrival of Roberts and Kitchener. The other British commanders operating in Cape Colony have, however, been ordered simply to hold their own until the new campaign is set on foot. In line with this plan, General Methuen will probably fall back from his position at Modder river.

London, Dec. 22.—The general commanding the communications in Natal reports "seven men killed and 14 wounded in the action of Dec. 18, also 3 dead from enteric fever." The dispatch is not thoroughly understood, but evidently refers to a new action of Buller's force not yet reported. It may, however, refer to a sortie from Ladysmith.

London, Dec. 22.—Sir Alfred Milner reports that Winston Churchill, the correspondent who was captured by the Boers November 15 and who escaped, arrived at Delagoa bay yesterday.

London, Dec. 22.—Dailly dispatch from P. T. alleges that the Crueset Iron Company have received urgent orders from Pretoria for more ammunition for crueset guns as the Boer supply is nearly exhausted. The report is not credited here as the British press would not allow such orders to pass by cable.

The Next Democratic Platform.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Senator J. K. Jones, said, before leaving for the northwest last night, that in his opinion the next democratic national platform would declare against "imperialism," against a large standing army, and in favor of legislation to control trusts. He thinks there will be also a plank condemning attempts to carry elections by the use of money. Regarding the currency bill recently passed by the lower House of Congress, Senator Jones said: "I think the adoption of a gold standard bill by the present Congress would have enormous effect in shaping the money issues. It is a declaration on the present republican party, for which it will have to answer. The gold bill, if adopted by the Senate, will force the republicans to explain what is, on its face, a stroke of treason against the pronouncement of the St. Louis platform."

Death of D. L. Moody.

East Northfield, Mass., Dec. 22.—Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist and founder of the two schools here, died at 12:05 p. m. today. He had been improving for two days and his recovery was looked for, but 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon a change for the worse was noticed, and he sank rapidly. His death was due to Bright's disease. He was fully conscious to the end, and talked with members of his family a few minutes before he died. His wife was present at his death-bed. Dwight Lyman Moody had been noted for years as one of the most successful evangelists ever known. He was born in the town of Northfield and had always made that place his home. About 1871 Moody formed the acquaintance of Ira D. Sankey and Moody and Sankey became world-wide evangelists.

The Financial Troubles in Boston.

Boston, Dec. 22.—The strenuous efforts to save the Globe National Bank have failed. This morning its doors are closed and special bank examiner Wing, at the request of Comptroller Daves, has taken charge of the company's affairs. The bank has deposits of over \$8,000,000 and its total liabilities are more than \$10,000,000. The bank officials say they do not think the depositors will lose a dollar and that the bulk of the losses recently sustained by the bank will fall on the stockholders. In some quarters it is held that all of the financial troubles of Boston are due to the inflation of the price of copper stocks. When the values in these properties began to fall to their natural level the financial trouble commenced.

Suicide.

New York, Dec. 22.—William Mutter, of the firm of Kimball Bros. & Co., tobacco dealers, committed suicide by shooting himself today at his place of business, No. 48 Franklin street. He went to a washstand in his office and placed a revolver against his temple and pulled the trigger. He died instantly. Mutter has been downcast since last Friday, when, it is said, he lost several thousand dollars in Wall street speculations. When the crash came in the street Friday all of Mutter's holdings went down with one swoop. Mutter for the past few days has been acting strangely, and comment was made about his actions.

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New York, Dec. 22.—The Matin today prints an interview with Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal agent in Europe, in which Leyds says his government is always ready to discuss peace with Great Britain provided the latter will guarantee independence to the Transvaal. "We do not want glory, but peace," continued Dr. Leyds. "Regarding the mines in the Rand, I am unable to say what would happen if the Transvaal should be invaded. The necessity of strategy must take precedence over the integrity of private property. We have every reason to be confident of the future."

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An Elephant Acquitted of Murder.

Columbus, O., Dec. 22.—"Sid," the big elephant which killed its trainer at the barns of the Seile-Forpaugh circus at Sellsville, Wednesday, was tried and acquitted on a charge of murder yesterday. Two men stated that the keeper had given the wrong order, which Sid obeyed, and when he was punished for it he turned upon Meagher. It was decided to kill the elephant, but on the evidence a verdict of "justifiable homicide" was rendered.

General Lawton's Funeral.

Manila, Dec. 22.—A simple funeral service was held over the remains of General Lawton at the family residence this morning. The body was then taken to a vault in the chapel at El Pao cemetery, escorted by a troop of the Fourth cavalry. Members of General Lawton's staff acted as pallbearers.

Fire in Petersburg.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 22.—Chieve's peanut factory at the corner of Lombard and Third streets was burned this morning. A large stock of peanuts was stored in the building. Many hands will be thrown out of employment in consequence of the fire.

Another Failure.

New York, Dec. 22.—Shortly after 11 o'clock today the failure of J. M. Conklin & Son, one of the largest dry goods establishments in Brooklyn, was announced. At the time the notice was posted hundreds of people were shopping in the large store.

Disease Germs Shun Telephones.

Paris, Dec. 22.—No case of contagion has been traced to the use of the telephone, a scientific commission here having thoroughly investigated the matter. Parisians were alarmed over the reports that the exhaustive inquiry was made.

Charged With Forging a Pardon.

Austin Tex., Dec. 22.—W. J. Dent, arrested at Tucson, Arizona, awaiting extradition on a charge of securing the release from the penitentiary of George Harvey by means of a forged pardon, is a nephew of U. S. District Judge Jackson, of West Virginia, and cousin of Stonewall Jackson. Isaac was a member of the Dalton gang and was serving a life sentence for murder. Dent is said to have received \$10,000 for securing Isaac's release.

The Markets.

New York, Dec. 22.—The market closed as follows: Wheat—Dec. —; May 60c 69 1/2.

Georgetown, Dec. 22.—Wheat 66 1/2.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

A serious wreck occurred on the Central Railroad of New Jersey near High Bridge last night in which a man was killed and a man and woman injured. The accident was caused by a collision between a milk and a coal train.

Charles, better known as "Silver Dollar," Smith, the old time leader of the Eighth assembly district, in New York, died at 5 o'clock this morning. He gained his nickname from the decorations of his Essex street salon, the floor of the barroom being inlaid with silver dollars.

A run on the Portland, Me., Savings Bank started this morning caused by a rumor that the institution was in straightened circumstances. The bank officials declare the bank absolutely sound and are paying depositors as fast as they present their books.

The armed yacht Viking, now at the Norfolk navy yard, is to sail for Havana as the earliest possible moment. It is reported that the Viking was ordered to Havana because of a possible Cuban uprising on New Year's day. Delegates from the 100 Irish societies of Cook county, Ill., will meet tomorrow to discuss the question of raising a fund for the Boers.

A fight between Turks and Armenians is reported to have taken place at Henkire the Turks lost 15 killed and 5 wounded.

[COMMUNICATED.]

WARD REPRESENTATION.

Will you allow a plain citizen of the Third ward, who does not wish to be more than any other man, but will never be less if he can prevent it, to submit the frame of an amendment of the city charter which will in its effect give the Third ward its just representation in the City Council and at the same time avoid imperiling white supremacy in any ward. The amendment is as follows:

An act to amend the charter of the city of Alexandria as amended by an act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved February 20, 1871, (page 124 of the Acts of the General Assembly at its session in 1870-71), by an act approved March 22, 1871, by an act approved March 17, 1876, by an act approved March 20, 1877, by an act approved January 25, 1879, and by an act approved February 23, 1892, and by acts approved February 26, 1894; March 1, 1894; March 8, 1894; February 27, 1896; March 3, 1896; March 4, 1896, and by an act approved February 7, 1898.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia that section 4 of the amended charter of the city of Alexandria, approved February 7, 1898, be amended and re-enacted as follows:

"4. The City Council of Alexandria shall be formed of two distinct branches; one of these shall be called the Common Council and shall be composed of four members from each ward to be elected for two years; the other shall be called the Board of Aldermen, and consisting of two members from each ward to be elected for four years. The members of the Board of Aldermen whose terms expire in the year 1880 shall hold over until the 1st day of July in the year 1881, and thereafter members to be elected in 1879 shall hold office